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ECONOMIC

TUNNEL THROUGH MOUNTAIN FOR KOLA PENINSULA APATITE -- Moscow, Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta, 3 Jul 60

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The Main Administration for the Construction of Tunnels and Subways (Glavtonnel'metrostroy) is driving a tunnel through Rasvumchorr Mountain to transport apatite ore from the Kirovsk Apatite Combine imeni S. M. Kirov in Murmanskaya Oblast. This combine is developing a new high-altitude mine complex on the Rasvumchorr /Razvumchorr/ Plateau where apatite, found throughout the Khibiny Mountains on the Kola Peninsula, will be mined by the open-pit method and moved to ore chutes by powerful trolley cars. Two underground railroad stations will be established in the tunnel, to which deep shafts will lead from the top of the plateau. From the ore chutes, apatite ore will cascade to the underground stations where it will be loaded into dump cars and dispatched to the combine's new concentrating mill. This is the first such tunnel to be built in the USSR beyond the Arctic Circle. Its first stage, to be completed by the end of 1960, will be 2,300 meters long and the second stage 4,500 meters long.

MINERAL FERTILIZER RAW MATERIAL DEPOSIT IN SIBERIA -- Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 16 Jun 60

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Geologists have found phosphate rock in the Eastern Sayan Mountains, near the city of Artemovsk, along the Abakan-Tayshet railroad line which is under construction. Laboratory analyses have indicated a high phosphorite content. This is the first time that a deposit of mineral fertilizer raw material has been discovered in a populated area of Siberia or the Far East. Bore testing and other prospecting operations are now being performed.

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NEW PSKOV PLANTS SAID TO BE SLIGHTED BY LENINGRADSKIY SOVNARKHOZ -- Lenin-gradskaya Pravda, 13 Apr 60

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The Velikiye Luki Radio Plant, one of the new enterprises of Pskovskaya Oblast, produced Oktyabr' radio receivers until mid-1959 when it was ordered to begin production of Astra tape recorders, but this order had to be rescinded because the recorders needed finishing touches before they could be approved by the All-Union Chamber of Commerce. The Pskov Telephone Plant, another new enterprise in Pskovskaya Oblast, began operations in December 1959.

Both plants are subordinate to the Leningradskiy Sovnarkhoz, which seems to neglect enterprises in the remote areas of its "empire." There is a surplus of industrial buildings in Pskov and Pskovskaya Oblast, most of which are empty. Pskov workers complain that such waste is due to Leningrad's neglectful attitude toward Pskov.

[Comment: This is the first time the name of either of these plants has been noted by FDD. This is also the first known mention of any specific producer of the Astra tape recorder.]

CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR IMPORT REDUCTION IN EAST GERMANY -- Berlin, Die Wirtschaft, No 27, 7 Jul 60

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During the recent Foreign Trade Conference, an official of the GDR Ministry of Foreign Trade proposed in the name of the Central Commission for Import Reduction to screen all import requests from the following viewpoints: can imports be replaced by domestic production; can customary imports of finished products be replaced by imports of semi-manufactured goods; can domestic processing facilities be established; and can imports be shifted from the capitalist to the socialist market.

[Comment: The East German Minister of Foreign Trade referred to import difficulties caused by recent export delays to Western countries in 23 June 1960 issue of source.]

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

PREPARATION FOR PREVENTION OF GAS GANGRENE DEVELOPED IN USSR -- Moscow, Meditsinskiy Rabotnik, 15 Jul 60

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The development of a purified, complex preparation for the prophylaxis of gas gangrene has been announced. Galina Petrovna Cherkas, Doctor of Biological Sciences and director of the Scientific Research Institute imeni

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I. I. Mechnikov in Khar'kov, developed the preparation and has worked out a plan for immunization and revaccination with it. According to this announcement, she is now working on a preparation for the combined prophylaxis of tetanus and botulism.

SOVIET AUTOMOTIVE INSTRUMENT PLANT DEVELOPS RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPIC INSTRUMENTS -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latvija, 12 Apr 60

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A Special Design Bureau for the development of radioactive automatics, founded by decree of the Latvian Sovnarkhoz at the Riga Avtoelek-tropribor Plant during the second half of 1959, is developing industrial process control instruments based on radioactive isotopes. The plant is scheduled to begin series production of such instruments in 1960. However, progress at the design bureau and plant is being impeded by delays in the construction of a new building, and by a dire need of gas-discharge counters. A. Kiryukhin, chief engineer of the Avtoelektropribor plant, wants the Latvian Sovnarkhoz to organize the production of such counters in Riga.

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